<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>:

Please cancel claims 8-22 and 26-27, without prejudice.

1.   (Original)   A polymer blend comprising:

an ethylene-propylene random copolymer; and

a modifier selected from the group consisting of a metallocene-catalyzed polyethylene-based copolymer, a metallocene-catalyzed polyethylene-based terpolymer, and a syndiotactic polypropylene homopolymer.

2.   (Original)   The polymer blend of claim 1, further comprising an organic peroxide such as 2,5-dimethyl-2,5 di-(tert-butylperoxy) hexane and 3,6,9-triethyl-3,6,9-trimethyl-1,2,4,5,7,8-hexonone.

3.   (Original)   The polymer blend of claim 1, wherein the ethylene-propylene copolymer comprises about 2 weight percent ethylene.

4.   (Original)   The polymer blend of claim 1 wherein the modifier comprises about 7 weight percent of the blend.

5.   (Original)   The polymer blend of claim 4 wherein the modifier is a metallocene-catalyzed polyethylene-based copolymer.

6.   (Original)   The polymer blend of claim 4 wherein the modifier is a metallocene-catalyzed polyethylene-based terpolymer.

7.   (Original)   The polymer blend of claim 4 wherein the modifier is a syndiotactic polypropylene homopolymer.

Claims 8-22 (Cancelled)

23.   (Original)   A method of making a polymer blend comprising:

providing an ethylene-propylene random copolymer; and

blending a modifier selected from the group consisting of a metallocene-catalyzed polyethylene-based copolymer, a metallocene-catalyzed polyethylene-based terpolymer, and a syndiotactic polypropylene homopolymer with the ethylene-propylene random copolymer to form the polymer blend.

24.   (Original)   The method of claim 23, further comprising visbreaking the polymer blend.

25.   (Original)   The method of claim 24, further comprising forming the polymer blend into a film.

Claims 26-27 (Cancelled)